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In re Application of GRINGER, Donald et al.			
Application Number 09/874,665		Filed June 5, 2001	
For UTILITY KNIFE WITH QUICK RELEASE HOUSING			
Group Art Unit 3724		Examiner DRUAN, Thomas J.	

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, January 26, 2001, rejecting the following claims: 1,2,4,5,7 and 12-14

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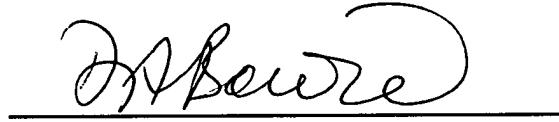


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